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## Amendments to the Claims:

(1) Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

(2) Please amend claims 6, 9-12, 15, 17, 19-21, 23 and 25.

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A protective portable computer case for protecting and securely transporting a portable computer, said case comprising:

a bottom part having a base, sides, and an open top;

a top part having a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said top part being pivotally attachable to said bottom part, said plates extend between opposing sides of said top part to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points where said two respective plates cross, each of said springs extend from said top part to at least one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said top part, each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs; and

an interior flexible case positionable in said bottom part, said interior flexible case defines a recess adapted to receive a portable computer therein, said interior flexible case includes a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said plates extend between opposing said sides and parallel to said base to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points at where said two respective plates cross, wherein each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs, each of said springs extend from said base to at least two one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said interior flexible case.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 6, wherein said interior lining of said top and bottom parts has a pliable texture.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 6, wherein each end of said plates of said top and bottom parts are attached to their said respective sides by a spring.

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Claim 9 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 8, wherein said plurality of plates of said interior flexible case is <u>a first set of</u> three plates extending between opposing said sides, and <u>a second set of</u> three plates extending between said opposite opposing said sides adapted perpendicularly crossing over said opposite first set of said plates.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 9, wherein said plurality of plates of said interior flexible case further comprising two plates each extending between said opposing corners of said sides of said bottom part parallel with said base, said two plates adapted to intersect at a central location of said bottom part.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 10, wherein said springs of said interior flexible case are positioned between said base and said a central intersection point and said intersection points located at the outer four corners of said mesh.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 1311, wherein each of said sides of said bottom part further comprising a side mesh parallel with said side, and a spring between said side and said side mesh, said side mesh comprising of at least two plates extend between said adjacent and opposing sides and crossing over each other to create an intersection point, said spring is located at said two plates intersection point.

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 12, wherein the ends of each of said two plates are attached to their respective sides by a spring.

Claim 14 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 13, wherein each of said sides further comprising at least two additional springs located between said side and said interior lining, said springs being positioned in a defined open space on both sides of said intersection point of said two plates.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 14, wherein said side meshes are positioned in a plane that is perpendicular to and above said base mesh parallel with said base, thereby allowing said defined recess of said interior flexible case to come in contact with all of said meshes and said side additional springs of said sides of said bottom part.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 15, wherein said mesh and said interior lining of said top part are adapted to be planar and make contact with said sides of said bottom part thereby covering said defined recess of said interior flexible case.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): A protective portable computer case comprising: a bottom part having a base, sides, and an open top;

- a top part having a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said top part being pivotally attachable to said bottom part, said plates extend between opposing sides of said top part to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points where said two respective plates cross, each of said springs extend from said top part to at least one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said top part, each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side by a spring, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs; and
- an interior flexible case positionable in said bottom part, said interior flexible case defines a recess adapted to receive a portable computer therein, said interior flexible case includes a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said plates extend between opposing said sides and parallel to said base to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points at where said two respective plates cross, wherein each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side by a spring, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs, each of said springs extend from said base to at least two one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said interior flexible case;

wherein each of said sides of said bottom part further comprising a <u>side</u> mesh parallel with said side, and a spring between said side and said <u>side</u>

mesh, said <u>side</u> mesh comprising of at least two plates extend between said adjacent and opposing sides and crossing over each other to create an intersection point, said spring is located at said two plates intersection point;

wherein each of said sides <u>of said bottom part</u> further comprising at least two additional springs located between said side and said interior lining, said springs being positioned in a defined open space on both sides of said intersection point of said two plates.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 17, wherein said interior lining of said top and bottom parts has a pliable texture.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 17, wherein said plurality of plates of said interior flexible case is <u>a first set of</u> three plates extending between opposing said sides, and <u>a second set of</u> three plates extending between said opposite opposing said sides adapted perpendicularly crossing over said opposite first set of said plates.

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 19, wherein said plurality of plates of said interior flexible case further comprising two plates each extending between said opposing corners of said sides of said bottom part parallel with said base, said two plates adapted to intersect at a central location of said bottom part.

Claim 21 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 20, wherein said springs of said interior flexible case are positioned between said base and said a central intersection point and said intersection points located at the outer four corners of said mesh, and wherein the ends of each of said two plates are attached to their respective sides by a spring.

Claim 22 (Cancelled).

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Claim 23 (Currently amended): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 2221, wherein said side meshes are positioned in a plane that is perpendicular to and above said base mesh parallel with said base, thereby allowing

said defined recess of said interior flexible case to come in contact with all of said meshes and said side additional springs of said sides of said bottom part.

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Claim 24 (Previously presented): The protective portable computer case as set forth in claim 23, wherein said mesh and said interior lining of said top part are adapted to be planar and make contact with said sides of said bottom part thereby covering said defined recess of said interior flexible case.

Claim 25 (Currently amended): A protective portable computer case comprising: a bottom part having a base, sides, and an open top;

- a top part having a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said top part being pivotally attachable to said bottom part, said plates extend between opposing sides of said top part to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points where said two respective plates cross, each of said springs extend from said top part to at least one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said top part, each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side by a spring, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs; and
- an interior flexible case positionable in said bottom part, said interior flexible case defines a recess adapted to receive a portable computer therein, said interior flexible case includes a plurality of springs, a plurality of plates, and an interior lining, said plates extend between opposing said sides and parallel to said base to create a mesh of said plates with intersection points at where said two respective plates cross, wherein each end of said plates being attached to its said respective side by a spring, said interior lining covers said mesh and said springs, each of said springs extend from said base to at least two one said intersection point of said crossing plates of said interior flexible case;
- wherein each of said sides of said bottom part further comprising a mesh parallel with said side, and a spring between said side and said mesh, said mesh comprising of at least two plates extend between said adjacent and opposing sides and crossing over each other to create an intersection point, said spring is located at said two plates intersection point;

wherein each of said sides of said bottom part further comprising at least two additional springs located between said side and said interior lining, said springs being positioned in a defined open space on both sides of said intersection point of said two plates;

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wherein said plurality of plates of said interior flexible case further comprising two plates each extending between said opposing corners of said bottom part parallel with said base, said two plates adapted to intersect at a central location of said bottom part.